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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. Specification Total Pages 45
2. Drawing(s) (35USC 113) Total Pages 10
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
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 - b. Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
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 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting
Inventor(s) named in the prior
application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by
reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
Sony Corporation
6. Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
9. Preliminary Amendment
10. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. Small Entity Statement filed in prior Application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
12. Certified copy of Japanese priority document No.
P2000-090282 filed March 29, 2000

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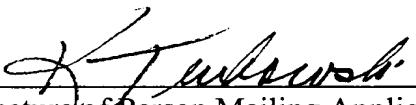
Drawings (10 sheets - Figs 1-10)

Executed Declaration

Executed Assignment, PTO Form 1595 and \$40.00 recording fee

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